The ISAF Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Sunday 2 November 2014 at the Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma de Mallorca.

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

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Present:
Jeff Martin – Chairman, Laser Standard representative  
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – ICC Events Rep  
Jurgen Cluytmans – ICC Equipment Control SC  

Class Representatives:
8 Metre – Julia Ormio  
12 Metre – Robin Wallace  
29er – Chris Turner  
49er – Marcus Spillane  
49erFX - Ben Remocker  
470 – Luissa Smith  
Cadet – Jan Martin Wilschut  
Europe – Paul Depoorter  
Formula 16 – Thomas Koenig  
Finn – Richard Hart  
Fireball – Andrew Davies  
Funboard – Bruno de Wannemaeker  
Formula Experience – Marc Cardon  
Hansa Classes – Akko Van Der Veen  
IKA Formula & Twin Tip – Markus Schwendtner  
IKA Open – Mirco Babini  
J/70 – Dina Kowalyshyn  
Laser Radial – Eric Faust  
Mistral – Patrik Pollak  
Nacra 17 – Edwin Lodder  
Optimist – Sally Burnet  
RS:One – Emmanuel Messiasen  
RS:X – Carlo Della Vedova  
Soto 40 – Pablo Ferrer Plug  
Soling – Georg Wassala  
Sunfish – Hector Duval  
Techno 293 – Ezio Ferin  
Topper – Bill Brassington  
TP52 – Rob Weiland  
Yngling – Matias Dahlstrom

Apologies

Others:
Adrienne Greenwood (NZL) Vice-President (In Part)

ISAF Technical and Offshore Department
Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical & Offshore  
Norbert Marin – Technical Coordinator  

Rob Taylor – Technical Coordinator  
Henry Thorpe – Technical Coordinator
1. Opening of the Meeting
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
(a) Minutes
The minutes of the ISAF Classes Committee of 11th November 2013 were noted and signed as a true record.
(b) Minutes Matters Arising
There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda.

3. Submissions
The submissions can be found at: http://www.sailing.org/2014-conference.php

ISAF Articles
(a) Submission 002-14 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Subscription Categories and rates was noted.

Ceri Williams noted that this was a step in the right direction, adding that there is no reason not to have just two Categories rather than 6. He also noted that the new MNA Entry Category fee is less than the Class Subscription fee. On a motion to approve the submission the committee voted 31 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstain.

Opinion: Approve.

ISAF Regulations
(b) Submission 015-14 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Event Approval Fees, ISAF Reg 25.12.2 was noted. See minutes for 016-14 for the discussion

Opinion: Reject
This is better dealt with by submission 016-14

(c) Submission 016-14 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Event Approval Fees, ISAF Reg 25.12.2 was noted.

A question was asked about where this money goes. Jeff Martin clarified that this money goes into the ISAF accounts and that not having an Event Approval Fee will mean that money will have to come from another source to cover the deficit. Carlo Della Vedova is of the opinion that there should be some fee on prize money provided that this money is invested back into the developing sailing. In his opinion the Regulations should stay with this requirement and what needs further discussion is the amount to pay. Ceri Williams noted that these fees were not being paid on all class events with prize money.

Marcus Schwendtner is of the opinion that competitors want to become more professional and this fee can be a deterrent for many sponsors. The Committee discussed which of the 5 proposals from the IKA in the submission is preferable. Marcus Schwendtner suggested to go ahead with Proposal 5 of the submission in favour of submission 016-14. The committee voted 21 in favour, 0 against and 6 abstain.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:
Approve proposal 5 - the preamble text in 25.12.2 is amended to also match the proposal as follows "any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 € 50,000 or the equivalent may be required to pay an approval fee."
Reject proposals 1-4
ISAF Governance

(d) Submission 017-14 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Governance, Affiliated Continental Members was noted.

Jeff Martin noted that Continental Associations are playing an important role within ISAF but there is a question about the overlap that Continental Associations will have with the governance of ISAF. He noted that increasing the levels of administration within the sport could make things more complicated for classes and there were also concerns about potential funding models for these organisations.

Sally Burnett commented that if ISAF is to take the lead on the governance of these Continental Associations it will also need to take more responsibility in protecting the classes in particular with respect to their Continental Championships.

Corinne Ronald McKenzie noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee briefly discussed this submission and the Sub-committee wanted to note ISAF Regulation 25.2.2 about the right for ISAF Classes to hold World and Continental Championships.

Hector Duval noted that there is a Confederation formed by the Caribbean and Central America already established and what is currently happening with it is totally different from what is happening in North or South America. For example the Pan Am Games include all the Continent but then the Central America and Caribbean Confederation is having its own Games. Jeff Martin replied that he thought that the exact continental makeup of ISAF was a matter for other Committees within ISAF including the Regional Games Committee.

The committee agreed that the submission seems to be a good idea although it will generate a lot of work which will be difficult to implement. It was also noted that this could reinforce the position of classes with great distribution.

Jeff Martin finalised by explaining that one of the advantages of having all Continental Associations under ISAF would be to have all administration under one single authority. This will mean better cooperation of the Continental Associations which will lead to a single pathway and with a better organization structure and without overlapping governance. On a vote the Committee voted 16 In favour, 4 against and 8 abstain.

Opinion: Approve.

1. The ICC is concerned over possible implications to ISAF Classes.
2. The ICC notes regulation 25.2.2 awards to ISAF Classes the sole rights to host Class Continental Championships. This should be noted under paragraph 4 of the proposal.

Olympic Classes

(e) Olympic Classes Sub-committee

i) Submission 006-14 from the Executive Committee regarding a new Regulation 6.6.4.3 was noted.

Jeff Martin noted that one of the advantages of having a representative from the Olympic Classes is that they normally attend for the entire duration of the conference. Olympic Classes are normally ISAF Classes so their representatives are able to talk on both group’s behalf which a non-Olympic Classes may not be able to do. Also if the Classes Committee should have an opinion different from the one of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee at the Events committee, the class representative would then present both opinions even if they are opposite. He also noted that there are a number of protections in the system and having a member from the Olympic Classes representing the Classes Committee in the Events Committee still means that anyone
can give their own class opinion.

On a proposal by Carlo Della Vedova seconded by Marcus Spillane the committee voted 16 in favour, 7 against and 5 abstain.

**Opinion: Approve.**

Noting the amended wording of proposal 2 should reference Regulation 6.6.4 and refer to “The ISAF Classes Committee ...."

ii) Submission 007-14 from the International Kiteboarding Association about adding to the Sub-committee, events and equipment listed in Regulation 24.3.3 was noted.

Corinne McKenzie noted that the opinion of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee was that they were happy to receive any input before and at the meeting from any class. They were willing to address any issues that they may consider relevant to the committee and this has been the case with IKA and some ISAF Worlds and also for the ISAF Sailing World Cup. The committee thinks that this submission is more a matter of governance and for the Executive Committee to consider and therefore the Olympic Classes Sub-committee had no opinion. Unanimous

**Opinion: Reject.**

(f) Olympic Sailing Competition

i) Submission 055-14 from Confederação Brasileira de Vela regarding distribution of supplied equipment was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

ICC supports the Olympic Classes Sub-committee position to approve the submission.

ii) Submission 056-14 from Confederação Brasileira de Vela regarding all changes of equipment to be made public was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

ICC supports the Olympic Classes Sub-committee position to approve the submission.

iii) Submission 057-14 from Confederação Brasileira de Vela regarding RS:X Sailors to bring own equipment was noted.

Ezio Ferin is of the opinion that if the RS:X Class could sort out the problem with the equipment this submission would not be necessary. Jeff Martin noted that the RS:X Class sailors had voted in favour of what is outlined in the submission at their extraordinary meeting in Santander so it was not for this Committee to argue.

**Opinion: No Recommendation.**

ICC supports the Olympic Class Sub-committee position to make no recommendation.

iv) Submission 058-14 from French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) regarding RS:X Sailors to bring own equipment was noted.

**Opinion: No Recommendation.**

ICC supports the Olympic Class Sub-committee position to make no recommendation

v) Submission 083-14 from the Confederação Brasileira de Vela regarding increasing the Target Medal Race Time was noted.

**Opinion: Reject.**

ICC supports the Olympic Class Sub-committee position which is that medal race target times were approved in 2013.

vi) Submission 084-14 from the International 49er Class Association regarding final day
format for the 49er and 49erFX was noted.
ICC supports the Olympic Class Sub-committee position to approve the submission.

**Opinion: Approve.**

vii) Submission 085-14 from the International 49er Class Association regarding continental qualifiers was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

To note that the other Olympic Classes did not put forward a submission on the continental qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games as all Olympic Classes had previously given their recommendations to ISAF at the Olympic Classes Meeting held on 20-21 January 2014.

### Advertising Code

**Advertising**

i) Submission 010-14 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee about the position of event advertising on the boom was noted. On a proposal by Bill Brassington and seconded by Rob Weiland to amend the submission the committee voted 24 in favour, 0 against and 5 abstain. They then went on to vote for the approval of the submission including the amendment 28 in favour, 0 against and 3 abstain.

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

20.4.1.4 Event advertising shall be displayed on the forward part of each side of the boom in accordance with Table 1 unless, when the sail plan of an ISAF Class has an overlapping headsail, the Class has prescribed in their class rules that Event Advertising shall instead be displayed on the aft part of each side of the boom.

Other classes without overlapping headsails have reasons for placing event advertising at the aft of the boom. For example, the Topper Class has a boom kicker strap that covers the forward part of the boom.

ii) Submission 011-14 from the International 49er Class Association regarding event advertising on jib of Olympic Classes was noted.

Marcus Spillane explained that 49er competitors are happy to use part of the jib area for event advertising. There is some reluctance among competitors to use the jib for competitor advertising as they perceive it as if they would be “sticking out” in the starting line.

Corinne McKenzie noted that in the Olympic Classes Sub-committee this submission was supported. The 470 and the Nacra 17 are in the same position. It also adds value for ISAF World Championships and ISAF Sailing World Cup.

A point was raised regarding why Olympic classes should be treated differently? Corinne McKenzie is of the opinion that all ISAF Classes could benefit from this submission and that there is no reason not to include them in this submission; if it is good for the Olympic classes it is good for everyone. Jeff Martin pointed out that to enlarge the scope of the submission would be a substantial change. If other classes want to put forward a revised submission they can do so next year. On a proposal by Marcus Spillane seconded by Corrine Rolland-McKenzie to approve the 23 in favour, 0 against

**Opinion: Approve.**

### Eligibility Code

**Nationality Criteria – Regulation 19.13**
Submission 024-14 from the Executive Committee to harmonise Regulation 19.13 with 19.2 was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

**ISAF Sailor Classification Code**

(i) Submission 025-14 from the Executive Committee to delete Regulation 22, ISAF Sailor Classification Code was withdrawn.

**Equipment Rules of Sailing**

(j) Richard Hart made an introduction on the work made by the ERS Working Party this year and explained each of the submissions.

Submission 059-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(k) Rule A.1 - Class Rules

Submission 060-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(l) Rule B.1.1 – Mast Upper Limit Mark

Submission 061-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(m) Rule C.4.2 - Certification

Submission 062-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(n) Rule C.6.3(e) – Ballast types

Submission 063-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(o) Rule F.1.2 – Rig types

Submission 064-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(p) Rule F.1.3 – Spar and F.1.4 – Spar Types

Submission 065-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(q) Rule F.1.7(a) – Standing Rigging

Submission 066-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

(r) Rule F.2.1 and F.2.2 - Mast Limit Mark and Mast Measurement Points
Submission 067-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(s) Rule F.6.1(b) Foretriangle Measurement
Submission 068-14 from the Offshore Racing Congress regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(t) Rule G.4.1(b) – Definition of ply
Submission 069-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(u) Rule G.5.4 – add Seven-Eighths Leech Point
Submission 070-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(v) Rule G.5.9 – add Seven-Eighths Luff Point
Submission 071-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(w) Rule G.6.2 – Secondary Reinforcement at reef points
Submission 072-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(x) Rule G.7.7 – add Seven-Eighths Width
Submission 073-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(y) Subsection B - Rule G.5.4 – Quadrilateral sail – add leech point
Submission 074-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(z) Subsection B - Rule G.5.7,G.5.8,G.5.9 – Quadrilateral sail luff points
Submission 075-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(aa) Subsection B - Rule G.7.9 – Quadrilateral sail Diagonals
Submission 076-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

*Opinion: Approve.*

(bb) Appendix 1 - Racing Rules
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Submission 077-14 from the Equipment Committee Chairman regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

**Racing Rules of Sailing.**

(cc) Joint Submission 154-14 from the Chairmen of the Constitution Committee, Race Officials Committee and Racing Rules Committee about Rule 69 was noted.

**Opinion: Approve.**

4. **Olympic Classes Sub-committee**

Recommendations not based on submission from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee were noted:

(a) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item no 1 – Length of Meeting**

That at future ISAF Conferences the Olympic Classes Sub Committee be allocated a full day meeting, as there is currently insufficient time to discuss the Agenda issues during the scheduled 3.5 hour meeting.

(b) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item no 5 – 2014 ISAF Worlds**

To recommend that a full report be prepared on the 2014 ISAF Worlds, with input from all parties and the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee, in order to ensure thorough preparation for the 2018 ISAF Worlds and ahead of signing the final contract with Aarhus for the 2018 Worlds.

The Olympic Classes Sub Committee also recommends that ISAF undertake a SWOT analysis on the ISAF Worlds.

(c) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item no 5 – 2018 ISAF Worlds**

To recommend that no decision be taken on the entry quotas and entry process for the 2018 ISAF Worlds until a SWOT analysis has been undertaken and input from the Olympic Classes and 2018 Aarhus Organizing Committee has been received.

(d) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 8:- 2016 Olympic Games**

If Submission 084-14 is rejected the Olympic Classes Sub Committee support Option 2 B (Theatre style race for 49er and 49erFX Classes only) of the Events Committee Format working party report.

(e) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 8:- 2016 Olympic Games Continental Qualification**

That the Continental Qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games must be "open" events in order to ensure that all nations from the Continent can be appropriately represented.

To note that the Olympic Classes recommended to ISAF the continental qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Classes Meeting held on 20-21 January 2014.

(f) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 9: - Subsidiary World Championships**

To encourage the Olympic pathway, the OCSC recommends that Regulation 10.4(b) be amended for subsidiary Junior/Youth and Women’s World Championships to allow those subsidiary Worlds that exceed the ISAF numeric criteria for nations and continents to be allowed flexibility if they don’t meet the ISAF numeric criteria for the number of entries.
(g) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 10: - ISAF Sailing World Cup**

That the situation regarding provision of equipment (bring your own, supplied, charter) be decided at least 6 months before the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Grand Final, in order to ensure equal opportunity to compete for sailors from all classes.

(h) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 10: - 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Final**

That ISAF consult with the Olympic Classes regarding the qualification process for the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Final, especially in the case of classes whose World Championships take place after the Final in 2015.

(i) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 10: - ISAF Sailing World Cup Management Group**

That a representative from the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee be appointed to the ISAF Sailing World Cup Management Group.

(j) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 10: - Dates of future ISAF Sailing World Cup**

That the dates for all the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup events be finalized and communicated as soon as possible. That the dates for the 2016 and 2017 ISAF Sailing World Cup events be published as soon as possible for calendar co-ordination.

(k) **Olympic Classes Sub Committee Item No 11: - ISAF Sailing World Rankings**

That a quality factor (to reflect a sailor’s performance and quality/depth of the fleet at an ISAF Graded Event) be introduced to the ISAF Sailing World Rankings, and that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee work with the ISAF Sailing World Rankings Sub-Committee.

5. **International Jury**

(a) The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee Jan Stage gave a verbal report about the necessary number of persons to form an International Jury.

He commented on the guidelines that the Race Officials Committee have created in order for classes to request a small protest committee when they have a small number of participants in their World Championship to avoid the cost of an International Jury. One of the requirements to request a small protest committee is to have approval from the MNA where the event is taking place. The second requirement is to review how many hearings have they been in the last three Worlds and also see who have been the members of the protest committee to make sure that they are all qualified. The Race Officials Committee is also keen for the small protest committee to have representation of more than one MNA. Also with the preference of a Chairman being from a different country in order to create a perception of fairness in the hearings. Finally they also look at the type of boat and what ISAF has done previously in the past.

6. **Other Committee’s Agenda Items relating to ISAF Classes**

Jason Smithwick gave a verbal report regarding the ISAF staff review of ISAF Classes. He noted that as part of the work at the ISAF Secretariat a review of all ISAF Classes and their compliance with ISAF Regulations was going on. He noted that the interim report highlighted both event and technical issues. Event issues linked primarily to World Championships included low participation, not seeking event approval and sub world championships. The technical issue highlighted other issues with non-compliance with the regulations such as contractual problems, class management issues, rules compliance etc.

Richard Hart suggested the creation of a manual or guidelines on how ISAF Classes should perform their duties. This would help improving the performance, relationship and coordination
between the International Classes and ISAF.

Jason Smithwick noted that Regulation 10 explains the obligation of ISAF Classes although he agreed that perhaps it would help to have it written in a more friendly way. In addition he asked the committee on how the current Regulations are working for the classes and how they can be improved in order to simplify their implementation.

7. Other Items Related to ISAF Classes

Bruno de Wannemaeker gave an overview on the International Measurers Sub-committee Meeting.

The Sub-committee noted that many ISAF Classes do not have International Measurers so the message from the committee was to encourage classes to work with the Sub-committee to develop International Measurers for their class. For classes with more than one International Measurer the committee want to encourage using all of them in order for the measurers not to lose their status. The committee also wanted to remind classes that there is a requirement to send a list of National and International Measurers every year to ISAF and the committee is looking into how realistic it is to enforce this Regulation.

8. Annual report

No report was given.

9. Any other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 16:50